



St. Paul's, Covingham
St. Timothy's, Liden
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*Transforming lives and communities
Knowing Jesus and making Him known*



**SERVICES - Sunday 17th July 2022
Trinity 5**

St. Paul's

10.30-am

Morning Worship

Rev Stuart Fisher

St Tim's

10.30am

Holy Communion

Rev Trudie Wigley

SERVICES— Sunday 24th July 2022— Trinity 6

St Paul's

10.30am	Holy Communion	Rev Trudie Wigley
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St Tim's

	No Service	
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What's on this week

Tuesday 19th		
08.30—10.00am	St Tim's	Tea and Toast
10.30am	St Tim's	Prayer group led by Brenda Phillips
10.30am— 12.00pm	St Paul's	CID's Coffee morning
	St Tim's	Prayer Group
10.30—11.45am	St Paul's	Focus Group meeting
4.30pm	St Paul's	Bible study led by Diane Lane
7.30pm—9.30pm	St Paul's	Bible study led by Diane Lane
Wednesday 20th		
10.30am	Kingsdown	Funeral of the late Lilian Pidgeon
1.00—3.00pm	St Paul's	Tiny Tots
1.15—2.45pm	St Tim's	Tiny Tots
6pm—7.30pm	St Paul's	Blaze for school years 2-6
7.30pm—0.00pm	St Paul's	Youth club for school years 7+
Thursday 21st		
7.30pm	TBC	Deanery Synod

Dates for your Diary

As at 1st July 2022

Friday 7th October 2022

Family Quiz Nite at 7pm until 10pm at St Paul's hall
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Thursday 3rd November 2022

7pm ECO Church St Timothy's

Fortnightly Notices in August

Due to the holiday period, these Notices will appear fortnightly in August

The Notices will appear:

Wednesday 10th August for Sunday 4th August and;

Wednesday 24th August for Sunday 28th August.

Christmas Unwrapped

Thank you to all who came to the meeting on Monday 11th July and shared some really helpful ideas! Appreciated the apologies from those who couldn't make it too. It's exciting to report that we have had such a positive response from schools and already have firm bookings coming in!

Sue and Jo

Reverend Moira Slack:

Last Sunday at the 10:30am at St Paul's we were introduced to Rev Moira Slack and her husband Anthony. Many of you will already have got to know them as they have been worshipping at both St Paul's and St Tim's since earlier in the year. Rev Moira was previously an incumbent in Manchester diocese, and her and Anthony are now retired and living in Liden. Moira has a particular passion for prayer, healing and funeral ministry and Anthony is already offering his gifts and skills in our Finance Committee, and will join the Food Collective team over the coming months. This past week Moira received her "Permission to Officiate" from the Bristol Diocese and we will therefore start to see her lead worship and ministry on occasions, both here and also with our good friends at Christ Church where they also attend. It is good to have them as part of the Church Family in Swindon and we look forward to getting to know them further in the years ahead.

A warm welcome to you both.

Trudie Wigley

Weekly Morning Prayers

As our church life continues to get back to some form of normality, I am delighted to announce that Morning Prayers will resume on September 14th. This time, it will be on a **Wednesday** morning from 9am – 10am, in the **Old Library**.

It would be good to welcome pray-ers both old and new, but please don't feel apprehensive. if you are not used to praying in company. You may pray silently if you wish...God honours our prayers in whatever form they take.

If you wish to know more about the group and what format it takes, then please don't hesitate to speak to me after church, or contact me by email. b.wilcox89@ntlworld.com

With God's blessings

Barbara W.

Annual Gift Days

A massive thank you for all of your donations to our annual Gift Day, your support is greatly appreciated. The total raised was £1,607

Many thanks

Tiny Tots

The last Tiny Tots session for both St .Paul's and St. Tim's will be 20th July.

We will restart on 7th September.

Kind regards
Brenda Fisher

Welcome Service

A Circuit Welcome Service will be held on Friday 2 September at 7.30pm at Bath Rd Methodist Church, Swindon to welcome Rev Rach Collins as the new minister of Bath Rd, St Andrew's Moredon and Rodbourne Methodist Churches. Rev David Gray will also be welcomed as the new Circuit Superintendent minister. Please ask Stephen if you want more details.



ECO Tip

Buy A-rated electrical appliances whenever you can. They may be more expensive initially but you will save on your energy bills.

Celebration of Communion

We continue to regularly review our practice and having sought counsel from ECC, we propose the following as a way forward for the next season. We recognise the diversity of perspectives amongst ourselves as a church family and thank you for your understanding as we find a pragmatic path forward.

Sharing the peace: In addition to signing or waving to those around you, you may wish to now start shaking hands. Please be sensitive to those who may not wish to do this, and we recognise that it may be a bit muddily at first! Also, when we share God's peace with just one other person, it is a symbolic sharing of God's peace with the entire church family, so therefore please continue to share the peace only with those around where you are seated.

Sharing communion in both kinds: Since returning to public worship we began by offering Communion in one kind – the bread – moving latterly to intinction in the wine by the person celebrating communion.

Changes: At the current time, the Methodist Church has resumed offering wine in individual cups, yet of note is that the Church of England continues to not authorise this practice. Having reviewed our practice, we are pleased to share that we will continue to offer communion in both kinds, by not only continuing intinction by the celebrant, but also offering the common cup using the chalice. When a Methodist Presbyterian from the circuit come to take services, we will be inviting them to use the individual cups reflecting Methodist practice

It is important to affirm that receiving in both kinds - both bread and wine - is not mandatory. Both our denominations teach that God gives the fullness of grace in Communion, however we receive it, so please don't feel pressured to receive the chalice or intincted wafer if you don't feel comfortable doing so. Receiving in one kind is still "full" communion, although we recognise that being so central to our faith practice, it may not always quite feel so in reality .

Practicalities: We will continue covering the bread and wine, wearing masks and using hand sanitiser during the prayers of consecration and the distribution. For the common cup, a silver chalice will be used and the rim wiped after each communicant, and the chalice then turned. Silver and alcohol when in contact have antiseptic properties.

We will also start to meet at the altar rail for the distribution, standing or kneeling as you prefer. Please wait until everyone at the rail has received and left before coming forward to the altar rail. This will make it easier for us to distribute and minimise confusion as we settle in this practice.

When it comes to your turn to receive, please nod your head to indicate if you would like to receive an intincted wafer. You will then be given a wafer that the officiant has dipped in the wine for you – this will be non-alcoholic wine. If you do not nod, then you will receive just the bread and you then have the option of receiving from the chalice. If you do not wish to receive from this common cup then please keep your hands to your sides or cross your arms over your chest.

Further comments: We understand that setting out the procedure like this can make it sound more complex than it is and leads to thoughts of “it wasn’t like this at the last supper”. We agree! However, we want everyone to feel safe and these next steps seem to be a sensible way of achieving this – for now.

Thank you for your understanding and please do touch base with any of us if you would like to discuss this further.

God bless you.

Trudie, Stephen, Stuart



Answers to last week's quiz

1. From which 1979 film do we get the quote, "He's not the Messiah, he's a very naughty boy" - **Life of Brian**
2. One of the few English words that can be spelled with Roman numerals is MIX, which is what amount = **1,009**
3. The word veal refers to the meat of which young animal (as opposed to a mature animal) = **Cow**
4. Which continent has the driest climate, and also has the highest average elevation = **Antarctica**
5. The setter dog consists of Irish, English, Irish red and white and which fourth breed - **Gordon**

This week's quiz

1. The city of Tallinn will be found in which country
2. What does the letter 'S' represent as the middle initial of the author of 'The Chronicles of Narnia', C S Lewis
3. You will need to be a very good boy if you want Grandma to buy you pizza. (what 6 letter animal is hidden in the sentence)
4. How many Chance spaces are there in the Monopoly board game
5. Puff Daddy and P. Diddy are names used by a rap artist but what is his real first name

Good luck

Ukraine

Thank you for all your donations towards the appeal. Clothes are no longer needed, but if you wish to donate nappies or tins of food **with ring pulls**, these are still being collected.

Stephen



Family Quiz Nite at St Paul's

We have a date for your diary. **Friday 7th October 2022.**

The Venue will be St Paul's hall. Start time 7.00pm—10.00pm
Team numbers up and no more than six persons.

Quizzing is about having fun and learning something new

All proceeds to the Dorcan Church. More details to follow

Link to Hope Christmas Shoeboxes

Please be aware that shoeboxes for Link to Hope need to be in by the end of OCTOBER this year! Please pick up a leaflet in church or see <https://linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-appeal-2022/> for more information.

Any questions please contact Paul Taylor.

Link to Hope Christmas Shoebox

There is someone called Santa, well, that's what I've heard,
But he doesn't come here, we're in the Third world.
He visits children, with presents for Christmas Day
All over the land – that's what people say.
And the children write letters saying just what they'd like,
A doll or an engine, a teddy a bike.
And I've heard they get what they asked for – and more
I guess that this Santa must have a big store.

These are the stories that have been handed down,
But I'm in the Third World and he's never been round.
Then only last year a big plane flew in,
It was making a loud noise, a terrible din.
Then a man with something held to his face
Shouted to villagers to meet at this place.

Men and women were there to greet us with smiles,
Their plane was full of boxes – piles and piles.
They were covered in paper all lovely and bright,
Silver and Gold, red, blue and white.
“Do I get a whole box? Is there one there for me?”
Has someone sent us this magic for free?

I hope that I'm not too old to be given,
A beautiful box of my own – I'm 11
I looked round to see how the happy faces glowed,
Bare feet dancing in the muddy road.
And into every outstretched hand a precious box was placed,
The children shouted “Thankyou” and home again they raced.

I received my parcel and shed a tear of joy,
As it said upon the label – ‘for an 11-year-old boy’
There is someone called Santa -that's what I've heard,
But now I know he's out there, I believe it every word.

NOTICES

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent by **Tuesday 19th July 2022** to notices@dorcanchurch.org.uk
Thank you.

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Previous editions are also available at: [Dorcan Church Weekly Notices](#)



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